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1. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF EMBASSY NAIROBI'S FIRST REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE USEFUL IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO REFTEL.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERALLY WELL-RECEIVED ADDRESS TO UNCTAD IV HAS DOMINATED THE OPENING OF THIS CONFERENCE. WHILE THE GROUP OF 77 IS STILL DIGESTING THE SPEECH'S CONTENT, ITS PROPOSALS HAVE APPARENTLY TURNED THE DIRECTION OF UNCTAD IV FROM A POTENTIALLY CONFRONTATIONAL COURSE TO ONE OF NEGOTIATION. CLEARLY THE MAJOR GROUP OF 77 MOVERS AND SHAKERS PLANNED TO TABLE, AND FOCUS THE COURSE OF UNCTAD IV ON ONE QUESTION: THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD COULD ACCEDE TO THE MANILA DECLARATION. THE PEREZ-GUERRERO STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE LAST CIEC COMMISSION MEETINGS WAS INTENDED TO SET THE STAGE FOR SUCH A POSSIBLE SHOW-DOWN BEGINNING AT UNCTAD IV. FORTUNATELY, PRESIDENT MARCOS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS LEFT THE DOOR AJAR PENDING THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS. AFTER HURRIED CONSIDERA-

TION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, THE G-77 HAVE CHANGED COURSE. SOME OF THE MORE ARDENT LDCS, IN PARTICULAR MEXICO, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE REMOVED DENUNCIATIONS OF U.S. PROPOSALS FROM THEIR DRAFT SPEECHES AND HAVE SHIFTED TO SILENCE, CURIOUS INTEREST OR IN SOME CASES (E.G. ZAIRE) ENDORSEMENT.

3. THE EFFECT OF THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS ON UNCTAD, THEREFORE, HAS BEEN TO ENGAGE THE GROUP OF 77 IN DIALOGUE ON OUR PROPOSALS AS WELL AS THEIR PROPOSALS AND HEAD IT TOWARD WORKING OUT SOMETHING IN BETWEEN.

4. NO DOUBT GROUP OF 77 REACTION TO U.S. PROPOSALS WILL EVOLVE FURTHER OVER COMING DAYS AND IS LIKELY TO HARDEN SOMEWHAT AS THEY WRESTLE WITH THE U.S. ON THEIR PRIORITY POLITICAL OBJECTIVE OF SAVING THE COMMON FUND. BUT THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS HAS CLEARLY DOMINATED THE OPENING OF UNCTAD, ENGAGED THE GROUP OF 77 IN A NEGOTIATION AND AVERTED A POSSIBLE BLOW-UP AT THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

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